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Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

TARGETED - Deb and Amy Russell stand behind the smashed windshield of their family car. This is their second windshield to be destroyed by drive-by vandalism in the last two weeks.

Vandalism out of control

Police asking for community's help

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Vandals have attacked Deb Russell's Westcott home three times in the past five weeks, for a total of 12 incidents, and she says it has to stop.

The first time they struck, the perpetrators attached chains to nearby road signs, yanked them out of the ground and piled them on the Russell's front step.

From there, they moved to drive-by bottle throwing.

But the last incident became much more personal, leaving Russell feeling vulnerable.

At approximately midnight on

May 29, vandals walked onto the Russells' property and waited until the lights were turned out for the night before barraging the house, and nearby vehicles, with beer bottles and eggs.

Russell woke up to a battlefield of broken glass and dried yoke stains.

"I don't know how much more of this I can take," she said. "It's very wearing."

Didsbury RCMP initially thought the attacks were random and not much cause for concern, but the intimacy of this most recent attack leads them to believe there was planning involved.

The thing that was really freaky this time is that they waited for me to go to bed."

DEB RUSSELL

"The thing that was really freaky this time is that they waited for me to go to bed," said Russell. "That was the ultimate unsettling experience."

She bought the Old Westcott

store 11 years ago and has been working on renovations to make it into a nice home, but each episode of vandalism has left her and her family further from their goal.

Russell estimates she's spent upwards of \$3,000 so far on repairs to her home and vehicles.

Police say her case is taking top priority, but that she isn't alone.

"Vandalism in the community is unbelievable right now," said Didsbury RCMP Cst. Johnston.

He said dealing with such high rates of vandalism requires community participation and is urging anyone with information

about these crimes to report it immediately.

In Russell's case, police have involved Crime Stoppers. Anyone who comes forward with information leading to an arrest is entitled to a reward.

Russell said she just wants the nightmare to end and she'd be happy to compensate Crime Stoppers if an arrest is made and a reward is paid out.

"It's very emotional," she said. "It just needs to stop."

If you have any information regarding Russell's case, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477). Your call will remain anonymous.



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Police raid hotel room

Drugs, stolen property seized

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

A Didsbury man has been charged with several counts of drug and theft offences, after police were alerted to drug activity at a local hotel last week.

A second man, who police say does not live in the area, has also been charged.

At approximately 4 a.m. on May 26, police entered a room at the Didsbury Country Inn and seized

undisclosed amounts of cocaine and marijuana, as well as stolen property from a residential break and enter in Rocky Mountain House, including jewelry and valuable historical coins.

Also recovered were a stolen flatbed truck, and bobcat and trailer from a nearby location.

"We're always gathering intelligence on drug activity in the community," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer.

"We had very good intelligence

on this and the information was confirmed by other sources, so we were able to obtain a warrant and execute that warrant."

O'Dwyer said it is usual practice for police to release the names of suspects as soon as charges are laid, but in this case they are withholding the identities of the men pending further investigation.

"We have some concerns here," said O'Dwyer.

"Once we're comfortable that

those have been dealt with, we will release the names.

The two men have been charged with possession of stolen property, unlawfully entering a dwelling house, two counts of motor vehicle theft, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana.

Both were denied bail at a hearing last week and remain in custody.

Additional charges are expected.

Come all

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Didsbury residents and Town officials have been busy beautifying the cemetery in preparation of the first interfaith memorial service happening this Sunday.

It's already expected to become an annual event.

"It's not just to remember people who have died in the last year, but also years and years back," said organizer Gerry Marginet.

This year the ceremony will be hosted by the United Church, but everyone is encouraged to come.

A similar event has been held annually in Manitoba since the early 1920s and Marginet said it's time Didsbury did the same.

"I like to think somebody would come to see me when I've gone to ashes," he said. "My kids will presumably be buried here and I'd like to think their kids would visit them too."

The event is meant to create a sense of community togetherness and to serve as a reminder for people to visit the loved ones they've lost.

"Thoughts have to be there. Some are good, some are bad, some are laughable, but they're there," he said.

The service begins at 2 p.m. Sunday. Those planning to attend are asked to come early, and to bring flowers and lawn chairs.




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TOWN COUNCIL

Dandelions: to spray, or not to spray

*That is the question
being put to council tonight*

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Town officials have weeded through several complaints about dandelion infestation in the area and are now set to discuss the problem at tonight's council meeting.

CAO Roy Brown said residents are frustrated with the Town's lack of attention to dandelions and is requesting that council make a decision about whether or not to implement a spraying program to curb the population.

"Administration could safely say this has been the source of the most complaints received over the past year," he said.

Edna vanDam asked for the issue to be included on this week's agenda and she hopes residents will attend the meeting to support her concerns.

"Over the last few years they've been getting worse and worse," she said. "They're all over town."

While it may be too late to nip the problem in the bud, vanDam would like to see the Town review its spraying policy to prevent the problem from expanding.

Erhard and Rene Hermann agree.

The Hermanns live on what they call "dandelion ridge", on the outskirts of town.

They say strong winds are carrying

seeds onto their property and the Town should do something to limit production or risk giving Didsbury a bad image.

"Having these large fields of dandelions is going to make a negative statement about Didsbury, not a positive one," they said in a letter to council.

The Town's current pesticide policy recognizes that the municipality is responsible for managing green spaces, but stipulates that when discussing the use of chemical pesticides for aesthetic purposes, council must first consider threats to economics, safety and environmental health.

"Administration could safely say this has been the source of the most complaints received over the past year."

ROY BROWN
Town of Olds CAO

"The prime question becomes: is a 'sea of dandelions' an aesthetic issue?" said Brown.

If it is determined to be so, council must look at the possible threats.

"There is no doubt that if chemicals are used they would have to be used prudently and with concern to the environment and to human health," said Brown.

"On the other hand, dandelions are at the very least, to many people, an annoyance and their presence demonstrates a lack of community pride and caring."

Brown said the Town's management team struggled with making a recommendation because it has differing opinions as to whether or not the use of chemicals is necessary, so it is leaving the decision up to council tonight.



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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Officialdom overload



Today we are being asked to turn our attention to those who founded this province as a part of Seniors Week, running June 5-10.

But don't forget the environment, brain injury awareness and gingivitis.

Yes, this week is "officially" dedicated to all five issues.

It seems to me this piggyback effect just leads to all of this officialdom things crossing itself out.

Don't get me wrong. It's not that I don't care about these things, or at least some of them.

Like Alberta's environment minister Guy Boutilier, I want my children and grandchildren to have clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, and fish and swim in clean rivers and lakes. I'm a dedicated recycler and reuser.

I also truly believe Seniors deserve more credit for what they've done, and continue to do, for us.

I think we should be aware of their value every day, but if it takes a government initiative to get us interested, then by all means have a week.

But gingivitis? Shouldn't that information be relayed by our dentists at an annual appointment?

Why do we need a week dedicated to it?

I understand that government can't coordinate with the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, but surely they can pick up the phone, punch in a four-digit extension and ask they're fellow ministers what's up.

Couldn't Boutilier and Seniors minister Yvonne Fritz have had a five-minute conversation before choosing which week to dedicate to their respective departments?

And Fritz sanctioned both Seniors Week and Brain Injury Awareness Week.

Are these so closely related that they need to run in conjunction with each other?

Does she care that she's blurring Seniors Week by shoving it in with another issue?

We pay these ministers to attend meetings. The least they could do is be clear about whether I should be recycling, flossing or thanking a senior this week.



BY NOREEN OLSEN
For the Review

AT THE KITCHEN TABLE

ing in February that usually means that they are staking out a nesting site.

The owls that choose to live on this farm are Great Horned and they usually nest in the abandoned nest of a hawk or crow and preferably quite high off the ground.

Since we already knew the location of a couple of good hawk nests it didn't take long for us to find out where the owls were actually setting up housekeeping and by mid March we could see the unmistakable shape of an owl sitting on the nest, her horned head (ear tufts) silhouetted against the sky.

The babies hatch toward the end of March and by the first week of May we could see two lovely, silvery-grey, very fuzzy and very large, big eyed owlets peering over the side of the nest.

We have not been back to bother them much because we don't want them stressed and we really want them to grow to maturity, but I can't help hope that we get to see something of them as they grow up.

Young owls are endlessly interesting and in other years we have watched them take their first cautious steps from the nest, bumble awkwardly from one tree to another, take baths in the

rain and knock each other off of fence posts.

The Great Horned Owl is the official bird of Alberta, they are classed as common residents but like most birds they are not as common as they used to be and it has been some time since we have had a nesting pair.

An adult is 20 to 24 inches long with a wing span of 60 inches. An adult's upper parts are brownish speckled, streaked with white and black, facial disc grayish or buffy bordered with black, throat white, underparts white or buffy, barred with black especially on the sides.

Eyes (iris) are yellow. There is a lot of variation in the amounts of

brown, white and black. Some birds are extremely dark, others mostly grey and white. Females are quite a bit larger than males.

During the day Horned Owls sit quietly on a branch close to the trunk of a tree but by dusk they are hungry and alert. Owls have wonderful hearing and use this gift to hunt. Birders Joy and Cam Finlay compiled this list of prey delivered to the nest by a male horned owl on a day early in April.

Four Richardson ground squirrels, four pocket gophers, one starling, seven deer mice, one red backed

vole, three meadow voles, one house sparrow, and two tree sparrows.

They will also take rabbits, skunks, squirrels, house cats and are one of the reasons why it's not that easy to make a living raising free range chickens.

When my husband's older brothers were small they captured and hand raised an owl who grew up to perch on a tree by the chicken house and help himself to a nightly chicken dinner. I once watched an owl chase a white kitten down our lane. The kitten escaped by a hair, the owl's talons just inches from its neck.

An owl's talons are nothing to trifle with and both parents will defend the young ferociously ripping skin and hair with razor sharp claws.

Friends of ours once raised some family members in a tractor loader bucket so that they could look into an owl's nest and see the babies.

In a matter of seconds the observers had lost their caps and blood was streaming into their eyes.

We are delighted to have owls nesting in our trees again and hope fervently that they will be back next year.

I kind of wish we had a few old leghorns to let go "free range".

YOUR LETTERS

A great place to live

I have the privilege to be able to say I have lived in Didsbury all of my life, with the exception of when I left to attend University to become a teacher.

Today I teach at Ross Ford Elementary School, the same school I went to as a child. When I was the age of the students I now teach, I remember always having a sense of belonging. There was the message that everyone contributed to the community and as a result I benefited as a child. You knew that many people made community projects successful and somehow this made our town of Didsbury a better place to live.

This weekend we installed our playground at Ross Ford. For me, it didn't

simply mean the students would now have a better place to play. It represented all the great things I remember about being a child in Didsbury. Everyone in the community made this Town, the schools, the businesses, the churches, the service groups, the paper, the volunteers, the parents the county and the community at large worked together to build something great for our children. Our playground is a site to behold! This wonderful, physical structure built for children, represents how all of us work together to make Didsbury such a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Laura Lee Hrabok

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Booming economy hurting human services field

Job vacancies on the rise

BY TODD W. HURMAN
Olds Albertan

Low wages and a plethora of jobs because of Alberta's booming economy is making it difficult to convince people to work in the human services field in Olds.

According to April job statistics from the Centre for Employment, job demand in the community and social services sector was even higher than the demand for truck drivers, the most sought after employee in the area so far this year.

Linda Maxwell, executive director for Accredited Supports to the Community, said the situation is getting "critical" because the non-profit organization has stopped taking referrals because there is not enough staff to meet the demand.

"The biggest factor is the competition in Alberta because there are more and more vacancies in every field, so when people are weighing what is the place for them to work, they are considering lots of factors. One is cost of living, which has gone up. One is their life schedule," Maxwell said.

The other major factor is low pay human services employees receive for working with children and adults with disabilities.

Maxwell said it is difficult to attract people because places like Tim Hortons and McDonald's are paying more than most human services positions can offer because even those businesses are struggling to find employees.

The problem is compounded because government funding pays for the positions.

"Everyone is raising the bar and it is a little more difficult to do that in human services because you are under contract with government because the wages are very much determined by the funding that you receive," she said.

Since January, human services jobs have ranked third for positions available in the area, just behind construction/trades helpers and labourers and truck drivers.

Many of the jobs are also part-time and include shift work, elements that are not the most appealing to others either in an employees' job market right now.

The staffing problem is such an issue that a multi-stakeholder group called Workforce 2010, spearheaded by the Alberta Association of Rehabilitation Centres, has been formed to address the shortage of community rehabilitation workers.

Maxwell sits on the committee and said

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LINDA MAXWELL
executive director for Accredited Supports to the Community

there has been a lot of discussion on how to recruit people and retain people, including looking at retirees as an untapped labour source, attending career fairs and any option to slow down estimated 50 per cent turnover rate in contracted services positions.

"We are really looking at new ways of doing things, whether it is advertising and what other things create job satisfaction.

"We used to focus on people that had ready skills when they came into the job. Now because of the worker shortage in Alberta, we're looking at the right attitudes, values and training on the job," she said.

But that also creates another problem - finding the time and resources to do just that, which means more government funding.

"We have been lobbying. In some sectors, the government has been very responsive. They are trying really hard to put some money into wages in this sector, in other areas it is a little more of a challenge," Maxwell said.

MLA Richard Marz said the government is aware of the situation.

"It affects all sectors there is no doubt about it," Marz said. "It's going to affect other priorities in getting things done because the

labour market is going to continue to have a shortage out there and if we want to retain staff we are going to have to look at benefits and salaries as ways of retaining people."

The solution also needs to be a long-term one, Maxwell said.

"We have had this provincial review committee that has looked at some of the information, but we can't stop. We need an ongoing committee. We need to be looking at this problem all the time," she said.

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A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held June 20, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

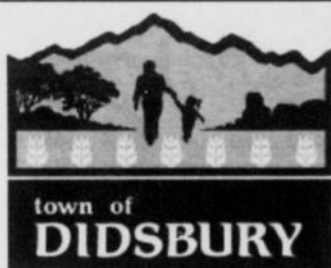
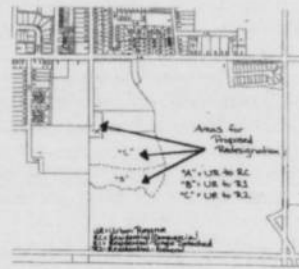
The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or her designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon June 20, 2006.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office (Planning and Development Department), 2038-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer



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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, June 6 & 20, 2006/July 4, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

NOTICE:

Administration Office Closed 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 9, 2006

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, June 7 & 28, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

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Monday, June 12, 2006 - Council Chambers, 10:00 am

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DP 78-06	1533 - 21 Avenue	Duplex with waiver	R2
DP 79-06	2157 - 25 Avenue	Single Family Dwelling	R2
DP 81-06	1300/1302 - 23 Avenue	Duplex	R2
DP 82-06	1304/1306 - 23 Avenue	Duplex with conditions	R2

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A time to gather as a community to remember and give thanks for friends and loved ones buried in our Town Cemetery. Time will allow for fellowship and a simple and reflective worship service.

Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. - Didsbury Cemetery

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SUMMER FUN REGISTRATION NIGHT

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Didsbury Aquatic Centre

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS



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Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

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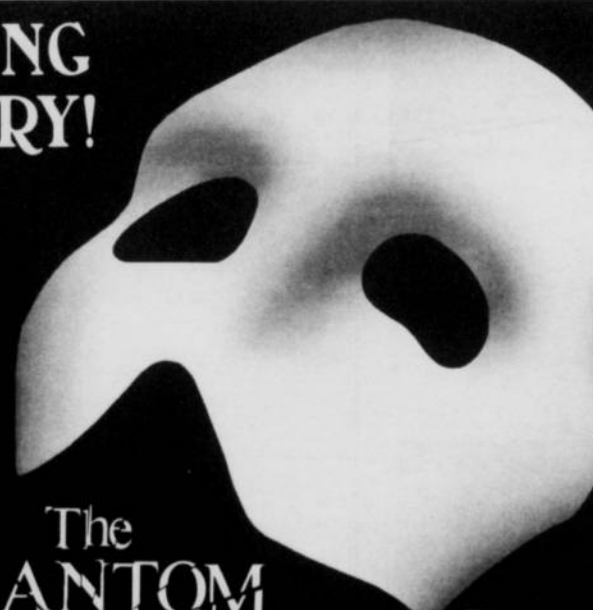

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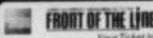
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
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Pedal patrol out on the town

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

Didsbury RCMP have implemented a new bike patrol, with officers out doing their rounds on bicycles.

The program was started to address some access issues police have experienced recently.

"We've had instances of people fleeing on foot and it can be hard to pursue them in a car," said Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer.

"This makes it easier."

Two officers are out patrolling already, with two more to start soon.

"It's neat because people see us touring around, but they don't realize we're RCMP right away," said Cst. Newton.

But that confusion could lead to problems, and Sgt. O'Dwyer said it's important that people know what their rights and responsibilities are when they're pursued by one of these offi-

cers.

"They have red and blue lights on their bikes and when those lights are turned on and they signal for you to pull over, you are required to stop," he said.

"If you fail to stop, it's the same penalty as if the officer were in a car."

So if you glance in your rearview mirror and see an officer in uniform peddling behind you and waving, he's not saying hello. Pull over.

Right now the shifts are concentrated mostly on weekends and special functions, like rodeos.

The officers are doing this on top of their regularly scheduled shifts, so there is a lot of coordination involved.

"We love this town," said Cst. Power of why they put in the extra time.

The program will continue through the summer and into early fall, before they park their bikes for the winter.



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BIKE PATROL -
Didsbury Constables Rob Power and Rob Newton patrol downtown Didsbury on bikes.

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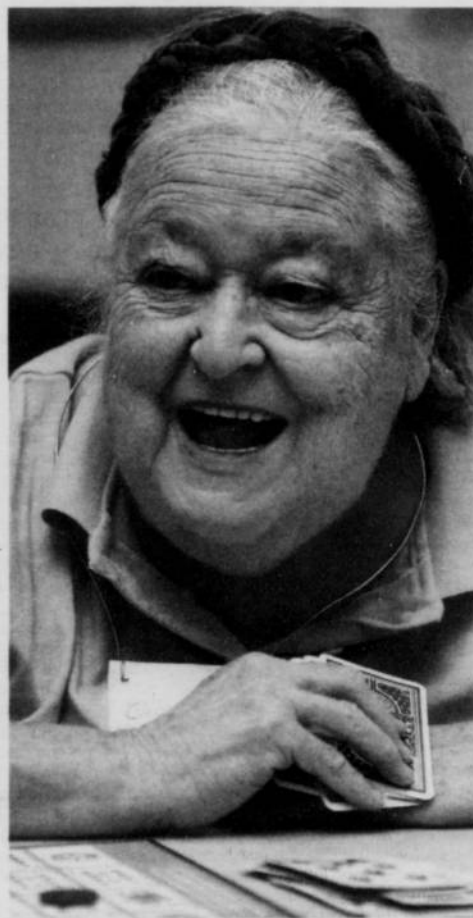
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - Olga Vickers reacts to her hand as she plays Sequence, a card/board game during a weekly Friends and Fun Gathering hosted by Didsbury and District Seniors Services.

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Seniors helping seniors

Government recognizes volunteers

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

A group of caring Didsbury residents who work every day to make the seniors in our community feel appreciated, is getting a big thank you from the province.

Didsbury and District Seniors Support Services is one of only six organizations in Central Alberta—and 18 across the province—to be nominated for the Minister's Seniors Services award, to be handed out at the end of Seniors Week, running now through June 10.

They were shortlisted for a second year in a row from a field of over 100 nominees. Mayor Dorothy Moore and the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce gave the province the heads-up about the group's good work.

"We need to salute these people for the huge amount of work they put in," said Bill Windsor, Didsbury Chamber of Commerce. "Unfortunately we don't appreciate our older citizens enough and important to let them know we value what they do in our community."

What makes this group particularly special is that most of the volunteers are seniors themselves.

"We are seniors helping seniors," said Lois Wright.

The non-profit volunteer group started six years ago when a need was recognized in the community for an outreach program to assist seniors who are vulnerable to low income or who may not have a family support system nearby.

There are now approximately 40 volunteers serving 200 area seniors with programs including respite care, handyman services, information workshops, transportation to medical appointments and social activities.

"They do a lot for us," said Mary Ness, who attends the organization's "Friends and Fun" meetings every Thursday afternoon.

Friends and Fun is an opportunity for seniors to gather and do things like play games, have sing-alongs, eat lunch together and celebrate birthdays.

"It's important for us to get out and meet other people," said Hazel Wilson.

The organization also implemented an intergenerational program where seniors are paired with middle school students to help open the door of understanding between young and old.

"It's a win-win situation," said Wright. "The youth win with tenacity and patience, and the seniors win with the students' enthusiasm, and also friendship."

By providing access to programs and activities, the organization is helping seniors to be independent and remain in their homes as long as they can, relieving a burden off of the health authority and families.

"With independence comes longevity." But even those who are less independent can be given a sense of purpose.

One idea the group came up with is getting seniors at Aspen Ridge using their hands for things like potting plants.

"A senior with Alzheimer's may not remember your name, but they remember how to dig in the dirt," she said.

"And they feel like they're involved in the community, not just sitting watching soaps and eating bon-bons."

The group would like to improve upon its services by adding a mobile library project, but it will depend on what funding they can acquire.

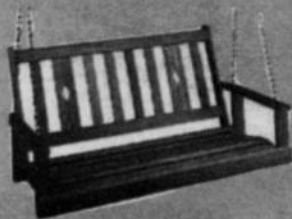
"Our goal is that if something is available, we want to make it accessible for our seniors," said Wright.

The group slows down for the summer to offer volunteers some time for themselves, so to culminate a successful year, and in the spirit of Seniors Week, they are hosting a "Salute to Seniors Celebration" this Thursday, June 8.

"We believe in our Seniors," Wright said. "They're the ones who founded this province."

The event starts at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex and includes refreshments, door prizes and entertainment by "Music With a Message" from Sundre.

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Remembering sweet baby Jane

Nearly a century after her body was discovered, a baby girl is given the burial she deserves

Didsbury Review

For 93 years she's been a baby lost amongst a throng of names.

But this little girl, in her very short life, sent a town stirring.

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary on that May day in 1913.

Otto Krueger headed out to check on his cattle, just as he'd done hundreds of times before.

Everything seemed to be in order, but then he glanced something white out of the corner of his eye.

When he walked over to investigate, he found something no one could've prepared themselves for.

She was lying on a white flour sack, her little newborn body badly decomposed after two weeks in the elements, and she had what looked like a rope around her neck, possibly the umbilical cord.

Krueger sent word to town and coroner Dr. Reid was brought out to view her remains before she was carried back to town on wooden boards.

An inquest began right away, with Corp. Augerman of the Innisfail Royal Northwest Mounted Police heading up the investigation. Local magistrates were subpoenaed and an autopsy was performed.

It seemed everyone in town had a theory about how Baby Jane Doe ended up in that field, but the case remained unsolved.

Eventually the town forgot. There was still work to be done and, before long, bigger news came along.

When the New Year's Eve fire ravaged Didsbury's mainstreet in the last hours of 1913, the town was left picking up the pieces for more than a year.

Then came the Great War and Alberta's Big Bust in 1914. Subsequent wars and events followed. Technological advances in machinery brought with them a new pace of life and work.

It seemed that Baby Jane would be lost forever in the minds of people in this community she was born in, but who never knew her.

She would become just another news story, crumpled and burned in stoves.

But Otto Krueger and his daughter Emma did remember.

Emma was 14 years old when her father found Baby Jane and she was profoundly affected by the event.

"It's something my mother could never forget," said her son, Lloyd Fischer. "I suppose it made her sad."

For Fischer this was family history from

long ago, but though he hadn't thought about it in years, he remembers the story.

"I know there was a lot of excitement in the community," he said. "Everyone had an idea of who did it, but no one was ever charged."

"The thought of her being alone like that was just too sad."

TYRONE PATTEN

chair of the Didsbury Historical Society and Town shop employee.

The baby was buried in the Didsbury cemetery, but her grave was never marked, so all that remained was a generic descriptor in a cemetery burial list: "Baby found on Prairie".

But Baby Jane grabbed the attention of some of Town shop employee's recently, when they read the descriptor and decided she deserved something more.

"The thought of her being alone like that was just too sad," said Tyrone Patten, chair of the Didsbury Historical Society and Town shop employee.

Rick Jakubowski stepped up to make Baby Jane a headstone, using cement and "glass eye" stones (used in fish tanks) for materials.

"I like to volunteer and I'm good at art work," the humble Jakubowski said about why he got involved with the others in the shop crew. "It's something I do."

But Mayor Dorothy Moore said the men aren't giving themselves

enough credit.

"These are just really really special guys with great big hearts," she said. "This baby may have been forgotten in life, but she'll be remembered in death."

Their empathy for Baby Jane was born partly out of an experience they had last year, when they helped bury a woman whose family had abandoned her.

She had spent nearly 50 years in the Ponoka Institution and when she died, her burial arrangements were made through a company in Vancouver.

Besides a few Town employees

thing like that ever happened again, it would just take a few phone calls and we could be over there," said Patten. "At least to read a passage from the Bible, just to give her something."

This leave-no-man-behind promise came into play when they learned about the baby.

Now this Sunday, June 11, Baby Jane will finally be given a memorial service and a headstone to mark her life.

The service will run in conjunction with the interfaith community memorial, themed "Strengthening the Community by Remembering Our Roots" (see page 2).

She'll get one more thing too—a name.

From now on, Baby Jane Doe can be remembered as "May", the little girl who was given roots in Didsbury.



FAMILY HISTORY — Lloyd Fischer looks back on the field where his grandfather found the baby's body in 1913.

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IN REMEMBRANCE — Rick Jakubowski, Didsbury Town employee, made a cross to mark the grave of "sweet baby Jane".

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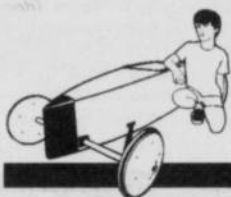


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DIVE RIGHT IN - New to the Didsbury swim scene, Coach Jim Ericson instructs two Aqua Jets at the Aquatic Centre.

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Aqua Jets get new coach

BY JODI STYNER
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Aqua Jets swim team has a new skilled pilot at the helm.

Veteran swim coach Jim Ericson, of Calgary, has been working with the club since May 1 and said he's enjoying his new post.

"I like Didsbury," he said.

Ericson's parents live on a farm near Bowden, so he's familiar with the area and he's certainly familiar with the sport of swimming.

With 18 years coaching experience under his belt, Ericson should have no problem leading Didsbury swimmers to success.

He was drawn to swimming because it is an individual sport that allows competi-

tors to aim for personal best times, rather than relying on teammates' performances.

"Each kid has control over their own destiny," he said.

"What they put into it, they get out of it." Ericson also has two assistant coaches helping him ease into his new role.

Heather Caton and Brittany Watt have been involved with the Aqua Jets for a while, so they know the kids and can catch Ericson up on their skills.

The coaching team's current mission is to prepare the competitors for their first meet of the season, to be held June 10 in Calgary, where they'll compete with kids from across Central Alberta.

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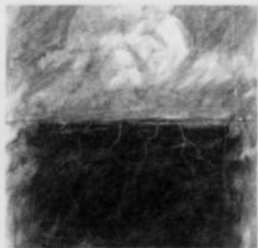
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FLYING BY THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS — Coleman Konorst made it look easy to dog this steer in 5.5 at the Water Valley Rodeo last weekend. (inset) Didsbury's Tyler Johnson performed in Sunday's calf roping event.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Williamson pads bank account

Career earnings now over \$700K

BY BARRY WILLIAMS
Olds Albertan

Madden calf roper, Cliff Williamson, has won more money than any other cowboy on Canadian soil and he keeps adding to his career earnings of \$705,038.

Last weekend at the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo, Williamson tucked another \$1,465 into his Wrangler jeans' pockets by flanking his calf in 8.7 seconds to take top billing in the tie-down roping event.

With the money earned, Williamson's seasonal earnings now stand at \$10,568 and he remains in first place in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association standings as of May 30.

Being at the top of the CPRA standings is nothing new to the 26 year veteran calf roper as he has won the Canadian Tie-down roping championship five times. And as Williamson continues to dominate the sport in Canada, his trusted sidekick, Salty, has been named the Tie-Down Roping Horse of the Year, three times.

Splitting the second and third spot in tie-down roping at Bonnyville with ties of 9.1 seconds were Stacey Cornet and Shawn Williamson.

All it took for Mitchell Stieger, of Turner Valley, to win the saddle bronc competition at Bonnyville was a Buck And A Half. He marked an 83 aboard the Franklin

Rodeo's horse and pocketed \$1,131 for his efforts.

Jeremy Harden, of Big Valley, marked an 81 to take second place, a ride worth \$936.

Franklin Rodeo's Pop A Top took Hanna's Don McLeod to the pay window as he won \$954 with an 84-point ride to win the bareback competition.

Todd Shelton placed second with a 76 point ride while Reid Brown and Kyle Bowers split third and fourth with rides of 74.

As a result of an 87-point ride aboard Franklin Rodeo's Just Jessie, Val Marie's Karson Legault is \$1,200 richer and the bull riding champion at Bonnyville.

Daniel Hansen scored an 85 for a second place finish and Devon Mezie placed third with an 85 marked ride.

Jeremy Harden, the 2005 Canadian all-around champion won the steer wrestling event pinning his steer in 3.6 seconds, worth \$1,643. Calgary's Lee Graves finished second with a time of 4.3 seconds. Placing third was Cody Thomson with a time of 5.2 seconds.

Around the barrels, Kerry Maynes of Maple Creek, Sask., was the quickest cowgirl with a time of 17.08 seconds worth \$1,146.

In team roping, the pair of Jim Randle and Marty Becker took first place with a time of 4.9 seconds.

At the Cowtown Pro Rodeo held in Maple Creek, Sask., Ross Kreutzer marked an 82 aboard Big Country's War Cry to win the saddle bronc riding event, worth \$1,462.

With an 82-point ride aboard Big Country's Walkin' Wolfe, Kevin Langevin won the bareback event worth \$939. Michael Solberg and Don McLeod received marks of 81 apiece to grab a share of second and third.

Nathan Roy of Asquith, Sask., barely had time for a cup of joe as he won the bull riding event with a marked ride of 81 aboard Big Country Rodeo's Coffee Break. For rides worth 79 points apiece, Beau Hill and Jessie Torkleson split the second and third rung.

Top tie-down roper with a time of 8.2 seconds was Darren Zieffle and Jeff Chapman chipped in with a time of 8.4 seconds to place second.

Top bulldogger was Ryan Guest with a time of 4.4 seconds. Darren Cassidy placed second in the steer wrestling event with a time of 4.6 seconds.

Fastest cowgirl around the barrels in a time of 17.26 seconds was Maxine McKenna of Lethbridge. Cranbrook's Stacie Chisholm was second in a time of 17.67.

Top team ropers were Dale and Wayne Skocdopole with a time of 5.2 seconds.

Meanwhile, at the Taber Pro rodeo, Scott Bresee was not lonely as he marked a 78 aboard Kesler Rodeo Co.'s Without U to win the saddle bronc event. A former Canadian saddle bronc champion and 2002 World Saddle Bronc Champion, Glen O'Neill, of Didsbury, split 2/4 with a marked ride of 74.

If there was a mist in the rodeo arena, it failed to bother Kyle Bowers as he spurred out a 78 aboard Kesler Rodeo Co.'s Blue Mist to win the bareback competition at Taber.

Two-time World Bull Riding Champion, Beau Hill, of Glacier, Mo., won the bull riding event in Taber with an 84 ride aboard Kesler Championship Rodeo's Orbit Up. Second place went to Scott Schiffner with an 83 point ride.

Innisfail bulldogger, Greg Hoar won the steer wrestling event with a time of 3.9 seconds. Tim Kemp took second place in the steer wrestling with a time of 4.4 seconds.

Posting the quickest time in the ladies' barrel racing was Janet Cunningham with a time of 13.20 seconds. Second place around the barrels went to Rhonda Vergouwen with a time of 13.25 seconds.

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For more information please call Lois at 335-4391.

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Sun. June 11

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Tues. June 13

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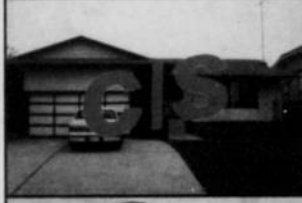
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